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TO THE WORTHY
HOUSEHOLDERS OF KNARESBRO'.

"DOWN WITH THE ROTTENNESS OF THE BOROUGH FOR EVER!!!"

GENTLEMEN,

AS you have long been deprived of your Right of electing Members to represent you in Parliament, and at present are so deprived by the Duke of Devonshire, whose Tenants at Bolton, Londesburgh, &c. come, under the false pretence of Burgage-owners, at the nod of the Duke or his Agents, at every appointed Election--it is hoped that you will, at the ensuing Election, on Saturday next, assert your Right, by preventing any, but Householders in Knaresbrough, from voting for Members.

Come forward, like Britons, and nominate any two men whose conduct you have had reasons to suppose will merit your confidence, and don't suffer any person to be chaired unless you choose the Members.

The late Members may be, and, I dare say, are, very honest, upright men, but the arbitrary mode of appointing them is the grievance. How shameful the idea, that our Representatives are to be appointed by forty-five men who live at a great distance, have no property in the town, and scarcely ever enter it but when they come to sign a Writing of Election, contrary to Justice and Common Sense; their leader, too, is generally a PRIEST of the ESTABLISHED CHURCH, but some of them are so ignorant that they do not know the names of the Persons whom they are thus ridiculously supposed to appoint Members of the British Parliament.-----GENTLEMEN, we had better have no Representatives than submit to such insults---Be resolute, but peaceable, courageous, but not riotous, and though you be not fortunate enough to succeed, yet refuse and despise eating or drinking at the expence of those whose mode of Election you ought to detest.

BRITANNICUS.

KNARESBRO' MAY 25, 1796.